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ADJACENT MAINLAND OF YUGOSLAVIA"

REF: (A) STATE 146676, (B) STATE 168107,
(C) GROSS (ZAGREB) TO MALLOY TELECON JULY 8

1. COLLABORATING INSTITUTE (UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB) IS BALKING AT
SIGNING GRANT AMENDMENT FOR SUBJECT PROJECT ON THE GROUNDS THAT
PERMISSION MUST FIRST BE OBTAINED FROM CROATIAN RESEARCH
COUNCIL. THIS PREVENTS ANY DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS APPROVED FOR 1976.
THUS EMBASSY DOES NOT THINK IT ADVISABLE TO PURCHASE AIR TICKETS
FOR JONES AND HERMAN, AS REQUESTED REF B, UNTIL INSTITUTE AND
CROATIAN AUTHORITIES REACH A DECISION. MORE PRESSING PROBLEM
IS INABILITY TO RELEASE 1976 FUNDS PER REF A PARA 3 TO CARTER
AND DOLAN, WHO ARRIVED IN ZAGREB TEN DAYS AGO.

2. TO OUR REPEATED EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN BOTH VERBAL AND
WRITTEN FAISECTC HAS ARGUED THAT THE GRANT AMENDMENT
ARRIVED AT THE INSTITUTE FOR SIGNATURE AT THE SAME TIME
AS CARTER AND THAT THE INSTITUTE AND CROATIAN RESEARCH
AUTHORITIES NEED TIME TO CONSIDER IT.

3. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT ANOTHER REASON FOR THE DELAY
IS THE YUGOSLAV SENSITIVITY ON SECURITY GROUNDS TO THE
MOVEMENT OF FOREIGNERS IN THE NON-TOURIST COASTAL AREAS.
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THIS HAS PROBABLY COMPLICATED THE ISSUE TO THE EXTENT THAT

THE CROATIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL HAS BEEN UNABLE TO REACH A
DECISION ON ISSUING PERMISSION FOR THE RESEARCHERS TO VISIT
THE ISLANDS SPECIFIED IN THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL. NEVER-
THELESS THE LATE ARRIVAL OF THE GRANT AMENDMENT HAS
GIVEN THE YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES AN ARGUMENT, AT LEAST
FOR THE SHORT LSRM. WE HOPE TO SEE A RESOLUTION BY MONDAY
WHEN AN APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN MADE FOR CARTER TO MEET THE
PRESIDENT OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL. SILBERMAN

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